

Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee and the Judiciary Committee. He leaves behind a career of compassionate public service, particularly to the underprivileged.

Mr. Martinez was born in 1953 in the City of New York to Puerto Rican parents. His family has resided in the City of New Haven for 39 years.

From 1991 to 1997, Mr. Martinez developed and served as Project Director of the Hill Health Center/Grant Street Partnership, a Substance Abuse Intensive Day Treatment Program for women and men.

Mr. Martinez worked for 15 years with the homeless and substance abusing population. He was very active on both local and state-wide level community service boards and commission, including the Community Action Agency in New Haven, LULAC Headstart, Community Partners In Action, Latino Youth, Inc., New Haven Parking Authority Commission and Children Center in Hamden.

Mr. Martinez was also President of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators, and a member of the Council of State Governments/ERC, the National Criminal Justice Task Force/CSG, the Fighting Back Treatment Intervention Committee and the Connecticut Hispanic Addiction Commission, CHAC.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Martinez family, and the people of Connecticut, who will all feel this great loss.●

TRIBUTE TO DOTTY VATTES ON HER RETIREMENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dorothy Vattes upon her retirement from service with the Federal Government.

Dotty has been a member of my staff for 18 years as a senior caseworker and immigration specialist. She has been a trusted friend and outstanding employee. She is committed to the people of New Hampshire, and has helped hundreds of citizens with problems they may have had with the Federal Government. She has helped re-unite families, helped seniors receive the benefits they deserve, and has exhibited tireless devotion to serving the people.

Dorothy Burnham Vattes, was born in Manchester, NH. She has been married for 41 years to John, also a good friend. They have four children, Wendy, Lori, Mark and Shane. I have seen her children grow into wonderful, responsible, adults—most of them also work in Government service. Her son Mark, who also works on my staff, and his wife Kathy, gave Dotty her greatest joy last year—a grandson, Benjamin.

Dotty began work in the 1960s, which was followed by a career as a legal secretary. She stayed at home to raise her family for 7 years, but returned to work in a law firm until 1981 when she began her career in public service. She worked for Senator Gordon Humphrey,

who held this seat before me, and then came to work for my office when I was elected to the House in 1984.

Dotty's retirement will enable her to spend the time doing what she enjoys: traveling, crafts, and community activities like the Manchester Federated Republican Women's Club and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, NARFE. She and her husband will spend winters at their home in Florida, and summers back in New Hampshire.

Dotty's service to the people of New Hampshire will be missed by all of those whose lives she touched. Her commitment, devotion, and the special way in which she helped so many, will not be forgotten. I commend her on her years of service, and her excellence as a valuable member of my staff. Best wishes, Dotty, for a wonderful retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR CRAIG THOMAS

● Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate my friend and colleague, Senator CRAIG THOMAS, who this weekend will be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, the University of Wyoming. I know how much CRAIG loves the Cowboys and the University, so this is a special honor indeed, and one all of us are proud that he has achieved. Senator THOMAS graduated from the UW in 1954 with a Bachelors degree in Agriculture.

As a student from Wapiti, WY, Senator THOMAS wanted to pursue a career as a veterinarian, but his 4-H experience steered him toward animal production. Aside from his studies, he also took an interest in wrestling, and as I understand it he was even good enough to earn a wrestling scholarship. If you ask him, he will tell you that his participation on the UW wrestling team was one of the biggest influences during his college career and that it taught him discipline and sportsmanship. There's no doubt it gave him a strong will to succeed.

Ultimately, it was those special years as a University of Wyoming Cowboy, or Pokes as we call them, that helped shape the life of the man who has served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and is now in his second term in the U.S. Senate. Despite his busy schedule, CRAIG continues to give his time and energy to the university, serving several terms on the College of Agriculture's Advisory Board and earning an Outstanding Alumni Award in 1995.

This is not the first time my friend has been recognized for his dedication to community and learning. After serving two years as president of the Wyoming State 4-H Foundation, and serving on its board for 10 years, CRAIG was inducted in April into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. This past August, he took first place at the State Fair during an honorary 4-H steer showmanship

class, and he always is a welcome face for 4-H participants who come to Washington, DC, for the national trips. These awards are a testament to his deep roots and the connection he still has to our great state and the people who make it work.

I believe the University of Wyoming selected an exemplary recipient for this award and I know he is both humbled and proud for the recognition. CRAIG is being honored not only because of what he did at UW, but for what he continues to do, he is a forceful advocate for the University here in Washington. The benefits of his labor on their behalf can be seen everywhere around campus.

Let me again say congratulations to my colleague and also to the University for recognizing someone so deserving of the distinguished Alumni Award. CRAIG, your hard work and dedication to the University of Wyoming have not gone unnoticed. Your on-going legacy will continue to be felt by many students and graduates to come.●

RECOGNITION OF ROBERT PORE

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor Robert Pore on the occasion of his extraordinary reporting career at the Huron Daily Plainsman in Huron, SD.

Robert graduated from Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, MO in December 1978. Before coming to Huron, Robert worked a variety of positions for several newspapers. He was a regional editor for the McCook Daily Gazette in McCook, NE for three years; managing editor for the Hope, Arkansas newspaper; regional director editor of the Le Mars Daily Sentinel in Le Mars, IA; and publisher of the Hillsboro Banner in Hillsboro, ND. He will be ending his South Dakota career on Friday, October 18 after 10 years as the lead agriculture reporter for the Huron Daily Plainsman.

Robert earned the respect and admiration of all those who had the opportunity to work with him. His love for South Dakota and passion for agriculture set him apart from other outstanding agriculture reporters in the state. Robert's friendly demeanor and wealth of knowledge helped him develop close relationships with various agriculture groups and state and federal officials. These relationships allowed Robert unique insight and access to news affecting South Dakota's agriculture community.

Robert and his wife Bette, a former editor at the Huron Daily Plainsman, will be greatly missed by the people of Huron for their years of valuable community service. On the occasion of his retirement, I want to congratulate Robert Pore for his tireless dedication to the Huron Daily Plainsman and commitment to quality journalism. The lives of countless people have been enormously enhanced by Robert's skilled reporting. His achievements will serve as a model for other talented